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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application, for which a Notice of Allowance was mailed February 27, 2006, as follows:

**In the Specification**

Amendments to the specification are shown on page 2 of this paper.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the Brief Description of the Drawings section at page 5, please add the following after the description of Figure 3:

FIGS. 4A-4C illustrate a deployment process for the anchors shown in FIGS. 1 and 2.


### REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendment prior to issuance of the above-referenced patent application. Applicants amend the Brief Description of the Drawing section in the specification to add descriptions for Figures 4A - 4C. Support for this amendment can be found in the originally filed drawings, as well as in the parent application (now U.S. Patent No. 6,527,794), thus no new matter is added.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant in the event that such communication is deemed to expedite handling of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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